



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Police Department

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### **SUSPECT IDENTIFIED AND SOUGHT IN MURDER OF JALAL “JOE” ABOU**

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have identified the suspect in the April 19, 2011 murder of 63-year-old Jalal “Joe” Abou inside his Rosecrans Street auto repair shop and ask for the public’s assistance in locating both the suspect and his vehicle.

Last Tuesday morning, at 0730 hours, officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 1900 block of Rosecrans Street. They arrived at Joe’s Auto Repair, 1930 Rosecrans Street, to find Mr. Abou (the shop’s owner) lying in the driveway of his business. Despite lifesaving efforts by passersby and paramedics, Mr. Abou died at the scene.

Witnesses saw a Hispanic male in his 30’s – 40’s parked near the shop before the shooting and driving away after the gunshots were heard. The witnesses described the vehicle as a dark green sedan with primer spots on the vehicle’s body. Detectives have identified the suspect as Nicolas Rosales, 47, a former employee of Joe’s Auto Repair. This afternoon, detectives obtained an arrest warrant charging Rosales with Mr. Abou’s murder.

The Homicide Unit requests the public’s assistance to locate Mr. Rosales and the vehicle used to flee the murder scene. Rosales is 5’4” and weighs 180 pounds. Rosales’ whereabouts are unknown, and he has access to two vehicles -- a dark green 1997 Honda Accord with gray primer spots, CA license plate 5YRJ935, and a white 2000 Ford Explorer, CA license plate 6NZN776.

Anyone who sees Nicolas Rosales is encouraged to call 9-1-1 or Crime Stoppers’ tip line at (888) 580-8477. Rosales should be considered armed and dangerous.



**NICOLAS ROSALES**



**STOCK PHOTO OF '97 HONDA ACCORD**